markets, in USA and Australia etc. carrying irradiated foods as reported in the Hindustan Times of 15th January, 1989 ;

(b) whether it has been made obligatory to label irradiated foods and foods containing irradiated ingredients;

(c) whether Government are aware that there is no test yet which can detect irradiated foods;

(d) whether Australia Government have banned food irradiation until tests as in (c) above are developed ; and

(e) whether such a moratorium as in (b) above will be imposed as a measure of abandon question?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (e) Government is aware of the controversy regarding food irradiation. The US Food and Drug Administration has cleared irradiation of food upto a dose of 1 Kgy and spices upto 30 Kgy. Australia has not banned food irradiation but has decided not to introduce the process until such time as a method of distinguishing irradiated food from non-irradiated food as developed.

Currently about 28 countries have adopted the process of irradiation to prolong the shelf life of various food items. A joint committee of FAO, WHO, and IAEA has cleared all food items which are irradiated upto an overall average dose of 10 Kgy as safe for human consumption. Therefore, there is no valid reason for imposing a moratorium on food irradiation. However, detailed rules under the Atomic Energy Act of 1962, are being evolved by Government to ensure safety for consumers before clearing irradiated food for consumption in India.

अरेल परगना, इलाहाबाद के 14 गांवों में भूमि-अधिग्रहण

3149. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को दिनांक 19 जनवरी, 1989 का एक अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है जिसमें यह मांग की गई है कि रक्षा विभाग द्वारा इलाहाबाद जिले में अरेल परगना के करछना तहसील में पड़ने वाले 14 गांवों की भूमि को अधिगृहीत न किया जाए, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके प्रति सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा उत्पादन और पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिंतामणि पाणिग्रही) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) संबंधित थल-सेना विरचना स्थानीय सिविल प्राधिकारियों के साथ मामले पर विचार-विमर्श कर रही है।

Extension of service to top level Management Officers in Public Sector Undertakings

3150. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJ1 : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Top Level-Management Officers of Public Sector Undertakings have been given extension of service beyond their age of superannuation undertaking wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received representations from the affected officers whose promotions had been blocked if so, what decision had been taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government pro pose to do-away-with the Grant-of

extension system to avoid hardship , as well as frustration among the officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) It is a fact that a few top level Management Officers *i.e.* Chief Executives/ Functional Directors in Central Public Enterprises have been allowed extension of tenure, beyond their age of superannuation. As per available information, the following persons have given extension of tenure beyond their age of superannuation :—

1. Shri V. Krishnamurthy, Chairman, Steel Authority of India Ltd.

2. Shri G.T. Pais, Managing Director, Indian Airlines.

3. Shri J.K. Mehra, CMD, National Projects Construction Corporation Ltd.

4. Shri D.D. Grover, Director, Gas Authority of India Ltd.

5. Shri A. Das Gupta, Director, Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd.

6. Smt. Malaty Tambay Vaidya, Managing Director, National film Development Corporation.

7. Shri A.C. Majumdar, Director, Andrew Yule Co. Ltd.

8. Shri N.S.L. Simhan, Director, Bongaigon Refinery & Petro-cheraicals Ltd.

9. Col. S.P. Wahi, Chairman, Oil & Natural Gas Commission.

10. Shri T.R.R. Rao, Director, Bharat Earth Movers Ltd.

11. Shri P.C. Laha, CMD, Metallurgical & Engineering Consultants (India) Ltd.

12. Shri L.M.S. Rajwar, CMD, Shipping Corporation of India Ltd.

13. Shri V.K.J. Ranc, Managing Director, Indian Railway Construction Corporation Limited.

14. Shri K.V.B. Pantulu, CMD National Almunium Company Ltd.

In addition to the above-mentioned cases, it may be stated that extension of service beyond the age of superannuation have been allowed at the time of sanctioning initial term of appointment itself in the following cases.

1. Shri N.K. Gupta, CMD, Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd.

2. Shri S.P. Singh, CMD, Tehri Hydro-Electric Power Corporation.

3. Shri Mahip Singh, CMD, Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.

(c) and (d) As per existing policy, extension beyond their age of superannuation to Top Level Management Officers of Public Sector Undertakings are granted in exceptional circumstances and in public interest. No proposal to do-away-with the aforesaid policy is under consideration. As regards the alleged representations from the affected officers against their non-promotion, it is stated that top level Board Management posts are not promotion posts. These positions are contractual ones and are filled in accordance with well defined selection procedure.

Expenditure incurred on IPKF operations in Sri Lanka

3151. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state what is the entire cost of IPKF operations in Sri Lanka till date ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.C. PANT) : The cost of IPKF operations in Sri Lanka, above the normal pay and allowances is Rs 173.79 croresupto 31-1-89.